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Congressman Carnahan Announces \$100 Million In Recovery Funding Now Available

(WASHINGTON, DC) - Today, the U.S. Department of Transportation and Congressman Russ Carnahan (MO-3), a member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, announces the availability of \$100 million in federal funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act for the Transit Investments for Greenhouse Gas and Energy Reduction grant program.

The grant funding set asides will be made available to transit authority projects that focus on reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and overall energy usage.

"Reducing energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions is sure to benefit generations to come," said Carnahan who is a founding member of the Sustainable Energy and Environment Coalition in Congress. **"Transit must be part of a comprehensive approach to tackling the issue of global warming."**

Projects will be selected on the basis of how much their proposed capital investment is expected to reduce either energy consumption or greenhouse gases, or both.

Grants will be made for particular projects directly to public transportation agencies. In addition to the anticipated reduction in energy or greenhouse gases, the projects will be rated on their return on investment, whether the project is ready to implement, the capacity of the applicant, the degree of innovation in a project, and the national applicability of a project.

The FTA will allow multiple transit agencies to consolidate their projects within one proposal to reach the minimum level of \$2 million. The maximum grant amount is \$25 million. Transit agencies or consolidated proposals can be submitted on behalf of transit agencies by other organization such as State Departments of Transportation.

FTA will post application instructions as well as answers to common questions and a calculator to assist in developing information on energy consumption or greenhouse gas emission reduction on its website at www.fta.dot.gov .

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